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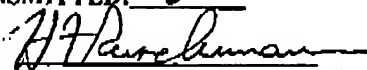
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Serial No. : 10/582,076  
Filed : June 8, 2006  
For : GAME PROGRESS ADMINISTERING SYSTEM, GAME  
PROGRESS ADMINISTERING METHOD, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM STORING  
GAME PROGRESS ADMINISTERING PROGRAM  
Group Art Unit : 3714  
Examiner : Marcus D. Jones  
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**SUBMISSION OF APPLICANT INITIATED  
INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM**

Sir:

In accordance discussions with the Examiner on March 12, 2009, applicant submits herewith an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form requesting a telephone interview on one of March 18-20, 2009. Date after that are acceptable but

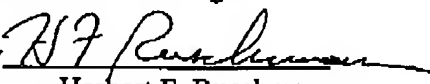
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preferably before the next due date of March 25, 2009. Confirmation of acceptance of the request and scheduling of the interview is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Applicant-Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/582,076

First Named Applicant: Kazutaka KUBOTA, et al.

Examiner: Marcus D. Jones

Art Unit: 3714

Status of Application: Office Action issued

#### Tentative Participants:

(1) Marcus D. Jones

(2) Herbert F. Ruschmann

(3) Primary/Supervisor TBD

(4)

Proposed Date of Interview: March 18, 19, 20

Proposed Time: 1 PM (AM/PM)

#### Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description:

### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) 102(e)	1, 5, 6, 12 and 13	Jokipii	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) 103	10, 14, 15	Kim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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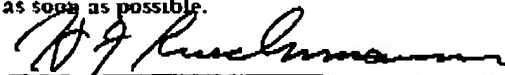
#### Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

The rejection set forth does not identify how or why the applied reference discloses a discarding-time storage means and appears to merely assert that a storage device or a memory inherently includes the feature. The same defect exists with regard to the proceeding means "reading the tile discarding time corresponding to the rank read." The Jokipii reference cannot for support an inherency rejection as one could follow it without producing a rank based discard time function. The Examiner has misread the Kim reference as it does not teach a time limit based on rank level of player.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on

**NOTE:** This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.



Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Herbert F. Ruschmann

Examiner/SPE Signature

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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